CAMP SCHOOLS — FAIRBRIDGE WA

844.   Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the selection of Fairbridge WA by the state government to operate six camp schools.

(1)   Have terms of the agreement been reached between the parties; and, if so, on what date were they reached?

(2)   What are the terms of agreement that resulted in the minister's media statement of 8 September 2018?

(3)   When does the minister expect the lease based upon the terms of the agreement to be executed by the relevant parties?

(4)   How many persons, by FTE and headcount, are employed at the six camp schools subject to the agreement?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

(1)   Yes. Agreement on the key terms of the commercial lease terms was reached at a meeting on 30 August 2018 between the evaluation team and Fairbridge WA. Discussion on some minor items relating to the transition arrangements and transfer of assets is continuing.

(2)   I will table the proposed commercial lease terms. Fairbridge WA accepted the proposed commercial lease terms with the following amendments —

    (a)   use of premises—amended description to include use of facilities by community groups and other academic groups, for example, university groups;

    (b)   term—proposed five-year lease period with a further two five-year options;

    (c)   rent—nominated a nominal amount and accepted as a peppercorn amount; and

    (d)   proposed a state contribution of $250 000 total per year for the first five-year term for operation and maintenance costs of the Bridgetown, Dampier and Pemberton sites. The contribution is to be reviewed for the commencement of the second term. This has been accepted.

Note that the terms and conditions are still subject to negotiation as part of the finalisation of the lease agreements.

[See paper 1871.]

(3)   Execution of the lease agreements is anticipated in November 2018.

(4)   The agreement does not include staffing levels at the six camp schools.